

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CLAIRE LUKE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL FAIRFAX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Claire Luke for over 13 years of dedicated service to the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce as the Executive Director.

Ms. Luke first served the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce (CFCC) as Events Coordinator in 1989. At that time, chamber membership was comprised of 250 businesses, and the group held only two events per month. Since then, largely due to Ms. Luke's dedicated efforts and impressive organization, membership has increased to over 850 businesses. Today, 3,500 area business people are able to participate in 7–10 events per month.

For years, Ms. Luke has worked tirelessly on the chamber's behalf. She successfully has overseen coordination of seminars, breakfasts, luncheons, mixers, and 12 active committees. Additionally, she skillfully has directed special events such as the Regional Business Showcase, the Taste of Fairfax, Fall Family Festival, and a golf tournament.

Under Ms. Luke's guidance, the CFCC scholarship, awarded annually to a select number of deserving high school seniors, has gained great recognition. Ms. Luke further contributes to local education by serving on the board of directors for the Margaret Kilpatrick Adams Scholarship Fund.

Ms. Luke also has been incredibly involved in the annual Chocolate Festival, which the CFCC sponsors. She was a member of the founding board for this event and has served on this committee for 14 years. For the past two years, she has served as committee chairman.

Throughout her accomplished career, Ms. Luke has received numerous awards, among them the 1999 ATHENA Award honoring her efforts in fostering business leadership and assistance. Ms. Luke was also admitted into the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Hall of Fame for her assistance to Robinson Secondary School with their National Projects. Furthermore, in 1998, Ms. Luke's high standards and extensive contributions led to her selection as the Rotarian of the Year, and also as a Paul Harris Fellow in 1996.

Not only a dedicated community servant, Ms. Luke also is a loving wife and mother of two. While raising her family, she was able to make time to serve on the Family Services Board of Directors, as President of the Officers' Wives Club, and as a volunteer in the Red Cross during her husband's military career in the Air Force.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my best wishes to Ms. Luke on her retirement

from the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. While I know that she will be greatly missed, her retirement is well deserved. Her significant contributions are much appreciated and greatly admired. I congratulate her on a job well done. I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Luke and in wishing her the best of luck in all future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF KATHLEEN KELLUMS—PRESIDENT OF THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN OF OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Kathleen Kellums, as she is named President of the Business and Professional Women of Ohio. Since 1919, Business and Professional Women-USA, has served to support, promote and advance opportunity and equity for all women, in and out of the workplace.

Light years ahead of their time, the Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women was instated in 1920, the same year that women finally won the right to vote. Today, as in 1920, this agency continues to build on a strong and brilliant foundation of support, education and guidance, focusing on women who were previously denied any opportunity to advance themselves personally or professionally. And even today, as women continue to rise above the stormy waters of gender inequality in the workplace, the Business and Professional Women exists to provide safe passages for women—pathways and bridges of support that help connect professional dreams to professional accomplishments.

A consummate professional in her own right, Kathleen Kellums continues to reflect accomplishment, leadership and tenacity throughout her professional endeavors. Her professional background includes executive positions in both the public and private sectors, and also includes significant community outreach contributions as a committed activist with many organizations, including the Parent Teacher Association and local Jaycee's. Ms. Kellums became a member of the Berea Business and Professional Women (BPW) in 1992, and currently holds the position of President. Her activism and leadership within the BPW has made a significant impact on the lives of many women by opening doors of opportunity and offering guidance, assistance and tangible support.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Kathleen Kellums, as she evolves from President of the Berea Business and Professional Women to President of the Business and Professional Women of Ohio. Her work as a state leader will serve

to uplift the lives of countless Ohio women of all ages, as they journey toward advancing their professional and educational dreams—thereby advancing the progression of our entire community.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ANGELA CINQUINO

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the lifelong service of Mrs. Angela Cinquino. A dedicated civil service employee, Mrs. Cinquino has worked for City of Philadelphia Register of Wills Office for twenty-four years.

Mrs. Cinquino began her career with the City of Philadelphia in January 1980 as a Record Clerk II in the Register of Wills. For the next two and half decades, she provided Philadelphia with exemplary service as a Record Clerk III, Account Associate I, and Receptionist Clerk. In addition to her professional success, Mrs. Cinquino has remained involved in her local community by serving as a committeewoman for the past thirty years and serving as a member of Democratic Women for the past seventeen years.

Mrs. Cinquino will enjoy the fact that retirement allows her to spend more quality time with her wonderful family. I am sure that her husband Joseph, her two children Nicholas and Angela, and her four grandchildren, Nicholas, Noelle, Mia Nicollete, and Santino are all very proud.

Mrs. Cinquino will retire from the City of Philadelphia Register of Wills Office on May 19, 2004. In recognition of her years of service to the Philadelphia community, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to congratulate her on her retirement.

COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week was Cover the Uninsured Week, I rise today to salute an organization which is working to do just that, working to provide assistance to some of the 44 million Americans who can not afford health insurance today.

Dr. Dana Kuhn, President and Co-founder of Patient Services Incorporated (PSI), is a policy entrepreneur who thinks outside the box on how to provide health insurance coverage for those with chronic and catastrophic illnesses. PSI has successfully found a potential solution to this epidemic problem, which affects 44 million of our fellow Americans.

Since PSI was established in 1989, this national non-profit has worked with struggling

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